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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Stacy A Whitmore	2812	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 February 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 February 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-3, and 6-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hartmann (US Patent 6,096,091).
2. As for claims 1 and 7, Hartmann disclosed the invention as claimed, including a method (and machine readable storage having instruction thereon for implementing the method) for customization of a Fpga-based SoC [col. 4, lines 7-12], the method comprising:
selecting a system component used for customizing the Fpga -based SoC [col. 4, lines 57-67];
configuring said selected system component with parameters for use with the Fpga -based SoC [col. 4, lines 57-67];
propagating said parameters used to configure said selected system component to peer system components [col. 4, lines 23-28; col. 5, lines 28-43]; and
configuring said peer system components using said propagated parameters during customization of the Fpga-based SoC [col. 5, lines 28-43].
3. As for claims 2 and 8, Hartmann further disclosed configuring the selected system component with parameters used to configure said peer system component [col. 5, lines 28-43].

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4. As for claims 3 and 9, Hartmann further disclosed propagating said parameter used to configure said peer system component to subsequently selected system components used to configure the Fpga -based SoC [col. 5, lines 28-43].

5. As for claim 6, Hartmann further disclosed wherein the method further comprises the step of initializing only the selected system components that are utilized for customizing the FPGA-based SoC [col. 4, lines 23-28].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 4-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over (Hartmann (US Patent 6,096,091) in view of Cooke et al. (US Patent 5,970,254).

7. As for claims 4 and 5, Hartmann disclosed the invention substantially as claimed, including the method of customizing an FPGA-based SoC, as cited in the rejection of claim 1 above.

Hartmann did not specifically disclosed wherein said selecting step further comprises [claim 4] the step of providing an option for selecting an implementation selected from the group consisting of a hardware implementation and a software implementation, and

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[claim 5] The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of selecting said system component further comprises selecting a system component from the group consisting of a hardware core and a software core.

Cooke disclosed selection of software and hardware implementations within an FPGA design system [col. 2, lines 1-12].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the disclosures of Hartmann and Cooke because adding the selection of hardware and software implementations into the Hartmann system would have improve Hartmann's system by providing customers with the advantages of both software and hardware solutions [see Cooke, col. 2, lines 1-12].

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stacy A Whitmore whose telephone number is (703) 305-0565. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, alternate Friday 6:30am - 4:00 pm.

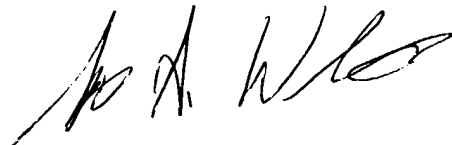
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Niebling can be reached on (703) 308-3325. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

Stacy A Whitmore

Patent Examiner

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